

ITEM 2. ALCOHOL FREE ZONES AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS CONSULTATION 2016**FILE NO: X003177.005****SUMMARY**

There are currently 48 alcohol prohibited areas and 351 alcohol free zones established in the City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA). These areas and zones are due to expire at varying times over the coming two years.

Alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas are established in public places in order to restrict the consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime, including damage to property, littering and noise impacts. Alcohol restrictions provide NSW Police with an early intervention measure to confiscate alcohol within designated areas.

Alcohol free zones apply to streets, footpaths and public roads, whereas alcohol prohibited areas apply to parks and civic spaces. In 2015, the City conducted an audit of all alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in our LGA. The data gathered was entered into the City's asset management system (CAMS) and included the location and condition of all audited signs in our LGA. After completion of the audit, the City initiated a public consultation program to review all zones and areas in our local government area and align their expiry to a common date.

The notification for the renewal of all alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas consisted of a public notice placed in The Sydney Morning Herald, relevant local press and on the City's consultation website, Sydney Your Say. The 30 day notification period began on 12 January and concluded at 5pm on 11 February 2016. As part of the consultation, relevant stakeholders such as the NSW Police Force, NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel and local liquor licensees were invited to make submissions.

At the completion of the notification period, the City received 117 submissions objecting to zones and areas and 29 submissions in support.

In addition, 340 submissions were received that referred to the current lockout laws in place across the Kings Cross and CBD Entertainment Precinct and were therefore not relevant to this consultation.

After consultation, 48 alcohol free zones and 14 alcohol prohibited areas are recommended for removal. A further 76 alcohol free zones were consolidated and reduced to 34 alcohol free zones. This process applied to streets where more than one alcohol free zone was established. All alcohol free zones on the same street were consolidated in to one alcohol free zone.

One alcohol prohibited area was consolidated in to an alcohol free zone, due to Forbes Street Woolloomooloo still being zoned as a street. One temporary alcohol free area that was part of this consultation (Beare Park, Kings Cross) is not recommended for renewal. This alcohol prohibited area was established in 2015 to complement the plan of management established by the City's New Year's Eve team. The alcohol prohibited area is not recommended for renewal as other measures have been implemented including security personnel, additional toilets, and the removal of Beare Park as an official New Year's Eve vantage point on the City's website. These measures will be subject to ongoing monitoring to assess their effectiveness.

An additional 10 submissions were received requesting the establishment of a new alcohol free zone and alcohol prohibited area. This will be considered in the future, as this consultation focused on existing zones and areas only.

The majority of the objections received related to the view that drinking did not necessarily always lead to anti-social behaviour and that the creation of zones in residential streets and parks is infringing on the ability of citizens to responsibly drink an alcoholic beverage in a public place. There were also concerns raised that the restrictions may disproportionately impact on vulnerable groups in low socio-economic areas without putting in place additional measures to assist the complex mental health issues some individuals may be suffering.

The submissions in support of alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas noted a reduction in anti-social behaviour in their suburbs or identified the restrictions as an important tool for police to use in order to enhance the amenity of an area. The NSW Police Force were also supportive of the restrictions as they believed it helped mitigate other crimes such as malicious damage, stealing, offensive behaviour and acts of violence.

After considering the submissions, a set of criteria was developed in order to guide the renewal or removal of an alcohol free zone or alcohol prohibited area taking into account crime data provided by the Bureau of Crime Statistics, which analyses the areas where a high level of alcohol related assaults occur; the boundaries of the Kings Cross and CBD Entertainment Precincts; and submissions from police, community organisations, businesses, residents and relevant units within the City.

Based on the submissions and additional analysis, this report recommends the four year renewal of 261 alcohol free zones, 33 alcohol prohibited areas and three temporary alcohol free zones.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the following alcohol free zones for establishment 24 hours a day, seven days per week until 22 March 2020:

Sydney City Police Local Area Command

1. Albion Place
2. Angel Place
3. Argyle Street from George Street to Cumberland Street

4. Ash Street
5. Bathurst Street from Kent Street to Castlereagh Street
6. Campbell Street from George Street to Pitt Street
7. Carrington Street from Wynyard Street to Margaret Street
8. Castlereagh Street from Goulburn Street to Liverpool Street
9. Central Street from George Street to Pitt Street
10. Clarence Street from Market Street to Margaret Street
11. College Street from St James Road to Liverpool Street
12. Cumberland Street
13. Cunningham Street
14. Cuthbert Street
15. Darling Drive from Union Street to the Western Distributor
16. Day Street from Liverpool Street to Druitt Street
17. De Mestre Place
18. Dixon Street from Goulburn Street to Factory Street
19. Eager Street
20. Eddy Avenue from Pitt Street to Elizabeth Street
21. Edward Street from Bunn Street to Pirrama Road
22. Elizabeth Street from St James Road to Liverpool Street
23. Erskine Street from Sussex Street to York Street
24. Essex Street from George Street to Gloucester Street
25. George Street from Campbell Street to Atherden Street
26. Goulburn Street from Sussex Street to Castlereagh Street
27. Harrington Street from Essex Street to Cumberland Street
28. Harris Street from John Street to Miller Street
29. Hunter Street from George Street to Pitt Street
30. Kendall Lane
31. Kent Street from Liverpool Street to Cross City Tunnel

32. Kent Street from Market Street to Margaret Street
33. King Street from Sussex Street to George Street
34. Little Hunter Street
35. Liverpool Street from Douglass Street to Wentworth Avenue
36. Mill Lane
37. Murray Street from Pirrama Road to Union Street
38. Park Street from George Street to William Street
39. Paternoster Row from Union Street to Pyrmont Bridge Road
40. Pirrama Road from Harris Street to Murray Street
41. Pitt Street from Hunter Street to Lee Street (including Pitt Street Mall)
42. Point Street
43. Pyrmont Street from Point Street to Bunn Street
44. Richard Johnson Square
45. Shelley Street
46. Slip Street
47. St James Road from St Marys Road to Elizabeth Street
48. Sussex Street from Hay Street to Hickson Road
49. Union Square/Union Street from Harris Street to Murray Street
50. Wilmot Street from George Street to Pitt Street
51. Wynyard Lane
52. Wynyard Street

Kings Cross Police Local Area Command

53. All streets and laneways bounded by and including Cathedral Street, Forbes Street, Palmer Street and William Street, including Bourke Street, Burrahpore Lane, Corfu Street, Cross Lane, Egan Place, St Kilda Lane, Talbot Place and William Lane
54. Amos Lane
55. Barncleuth Lane from Roslyn Street to Barncleuth Square
56. Barncleuth Square
57. Barnett Lane

58. Baroda Lane
59. Baroda Street
60. Bayswater Road from Darlinghurst Road to Kings Cross Road
61. Berwick Lane
62. Best Street (Private)
63. Birtley Place
64. Bland Street
65. Boomerang Place
66. Bourke Street from Oxford Street to Cowper Wharf Road
67. Bradley Lane
68. Brougham Lane from Victoria Street to McElhone Street
69. Brougham Street from William Street to Cowper Wharf Road
70. Broughton Street
71. Burnell Place
72. Burton Street from Oxford Street to Barcom Avenue
73. Busby Lane
74. Butlers Stairs
75. Caldwell Street
76. Cathedral Street from Riley Street to Dowling Street
77. Challis Avenue
78. Chapel Street
79. Charles Street (Private)
80. Charlotte Lane
81. Clapton Place
82. Clarksons Mill Way from Darley Street to Darlinghurst Road
83. Craigend Street from Barcom Avenue to Darlinghurst Road
84. Crick Avenue
85. Crown Lane

86. Crown Street from Oxford Street to Sir John Young Crescent
87. Darley Place
88. Darley Street
89. Darlinghurst Road from Oxford Street to Ward Avenue (includes road closure adjacent to Fitzroy Gardens)
90. Dowling Street from William Street to Cowper Wharf Road
91. Earl Place from Earl Street to Springfield Avenue
92. Earl Street from Victoria Street to Orwell Street
93. Elizabeth Bay Road from Darlinghurst Road to Holdsworth Avenue
94. Farrell Avenue
95. Faucett Lane
96. Foley Street from Bourke Street to Burton Street
97. Forbes Street from Oxford Street to Cowper Wharf Road (includes street closure between Cathedral Street and Cowper Wharf Road)
98. Francis Lane from College Street to Riley Street
99. Francis Street from Riley Street to College Street
100. Goderich Lane from Pennys Lane to Ward Avenue
101. Greenknowe Avenue from Macleay Street to Elizabeth Bay Road
102. Griffiths Street
103. Hardie Street
104. Hargrave Lane
105. Hargrave Street
106. Harnett Street
107. Hayden Lane
108. Hayden Place
109. Hourigan Lane
110. Hughes Lane from Orwell Street to Hughes Street
111. Hughes Place cul-de-sac
112. Hughes Street from Victoria Street to Macleay Street

113. Judge Lane
114. Judge Place
115. Judge Street (Private)
116. Junction Street
117. Kellett Place cul-de-sac
118. Kellett Street from Bayswater Road to Ward Avenue
119. Kellett Way from Kellett Street to Roslyn Street
120. Kells Lane
121. Kennedy Street
122. Kings Cross Road from Victoria Street to Bayswater Road
123. Kings Lane from Riley Street to Thomson Street
124. Kirketon Road
125. Langley Street
126. Little Burton Street
127. Liverpool Lane
128. Liverpool Street from College Street to Victoria Street
129. Llankelly Place from Darlinghurst Road to Orwell Street
130. Macleay Street from Darlinghurst Road to Wylde Street
131. Manning Street
132. Mansion Lane cul-de-sac
133. McCarthy Place
134. McElhone Street from Pring Street to Cowper Wharf Road
135. McElhone Street from William Street to Sydney Place
136. Mont Clair Lane
137. Nesbitt Street
138. Nicholson Street from Dowling Street to Palmer Street
139. Nimrod Street
140. Norman Street from Yurong Street to Riley Street

141. O'Briens Lane
142. Orwell Lane from Orwell Street to Hughes Street
143. Orwell Street from Macleay Street to Victoria Street
144. Palmer Lane
145. Palmer Street from Oxford Street to Sir John Young Crescent
146. Pennys Lane from Kings Cross Road to Bayswater Road
147. Plunkett Street
148. Premier Lane
149. Printers Lane
150. Riley Street from Oxford Street to Sir John Young Crescent
151. Robinson Street
152. Rockwall Crescent
153. Rockwall Lane
154. Rockwall Place
155. Rosebank Street
156. Rosella Lane
157. Roslyn Lane
158. Roslyn Street from Darlinghurst Road to Kings Cross Road
159. Rowena Place
160. Royston Street
161. Seale Lane
162. Seale Street
163. Sherbrooke Street
164. Shorter Lane
165. Sir John Young Crescent from Riley Street to Cowper Wharf Road
166. Springfield Avenue from Darlinghurst Road (Springfield Plaza) to Springfield Mall
167. Springfield Mall including Springfield Lane from Lankelly Place to Earl Street
168. St Peters Lane

169. St Peters Street
 170. Stanley Lane
 171. Stanley Street from Yurong Street to Bourke Street
 172. Stephen Street (Private)
 173. Stream Street
 174. Surrey Lane
 175. Surrey Street
 176. Suttor Street
 177. Sydney Place bounded by Stephen Street, McElhone Street and the Hills Stairs
 178. Tewkesbury Avenue
 179. Thomson Lane
 180. Thomson Street
 181. Turner Lane
 182. Tusculum Lane
 183. Tusculum Street
 184. Victoria Street from Oxford Street to MacDonald Lane
 185. Ward Avenue from Kings Cross Road to Greenknowe Avenue
 186. Whites Lane
 187. William Street from Yurong Street to Darlinghurst Road
 188. Wilson Street
 189. Wisdom Lane
 190. Woods Lane
 191. Yurong Lane from Crown Street to Yurong Street
 192. Yurong Street from Norman Street to William Street
- Newtown Police Local Area Command**
193. Bucknell Street from King Street to Wilson Street
 194. Campbell Street from O'Connell Street to Elizabeth Street
 195. King Street from Church Street to Missenden Road

- 196. Longdown Street
- 197. Missenden Road from King Street to Carillon Avenue
- 198. Newman Street from King Street to Thomas Street
- 199. Railway Lane from Thomas Street to Angel Street
- 200. Stephen Street
- 201. Thomas Street
- 202. Victoria Street from Hordern Street to O'Connell Street
- 203. Wilson Lane

Redfern Police Local Area Command

- 204. Balfour Street from Cleveland Street to Meagher Street
- 205. Bartley Street from Abercrombie Street to Balfour Street
- 206. Botany Road from Boundary Street to Raglan Street
- 207. Cains Place
- 208. Caroline Street from Abercrombie Street to Eveleigh Street
- 209. Chalmers Street between Phillip Street and Cleveland Street
- 210. Cope Street from McEvoy Street to Redfern Street
- 211. Elizabeth Street from Redfern Street to McEvoy Street
- 212. Eveleigh Street from Lawson Street to Cleveland Street
- 213. George Street from Redfern Street to McEvoy Street
- 214. James Street from Young Street to Marriott Street
- 215. Lawson Square
- 216. Lawson Street from Gibbons Street to Abercrombie Street
- 217. Lenton Parade
- 218. Louis Street
- 219. Phillip Street from Cope Street to Walker Street
- 220. Pitt Street from Phillip Street to Kellick Street
- 221. Raglan Street from Botany Road to Elizabeth Street
- 222. Redfern Street from Gibbons Street to Walker Street

- 223. Regent Street from Redfern Street to Boundary Street
- 224. Vine Street from Eveleigh Street to Abercrombie Street
- 225. Walker Street from Wellington Street to Phillip Street
- 226. Wellington Street from Morehead Street to Botany Road

Leichhardt Police Local Area Command

- 227. Glebe Point Road from Parramatta Road to Federal Road
- 228. Pyrmont Bridge Road from Lyons Road to Layton Street

Surry Hills Police Local Area Command

- 229. Albion Street from Elizabeth Street to Flinders Street
- 230. Alexander Street from Riley Street to Arthur Street
- 231. Arnold Place from Riley Street to Crown Street
- 232. Blackburn Street from Elizabeth Street to Foster Street
- 233. Bourke Street from Oxford Street to Foveaux Street
- 234. Brisbane Street from Oxford Street to Commonwealth Street
- 235. Campbell Street from Mary Street to Bourke Street
- 236. Chalmers Street from Elizabeth Street to Cleveland Street
- 237. Chisholm Street from Taylor Street to Hannam Street
- 238. Collins Lane from Collins Street to Rainford Street
- 239. Collins Street from Riley Street to Alexander Street
- 240. Commonwealth Street
- 241. Crawford Place
- 242. Crown Street from Cleveland Street to Oxford Street
- 243. Elizabeth Street from Albion Street to Cleveland Street
- 244. Fitzroy Street from Foveaux Street to Anzac Parade
- 245. Flinders Street from Albion Street to Oxford Street, including Taylor Square
- 246. Foster Lane
- 247. Foster Street from Hunt Street to Elizabeth Street
- 248. Goulburn Lane

249. Goulburn Street from Brisbane Street to Crown Street
250. Hands Lane from Reservoir Street to Foster Street
251. Hunt Street from Campbell Street to Wentworth Street
252. Little Albion Street
253. Little Riley Street from Ann Street to Campbell Street
254. Mary Street from Foveaux Street to Campbell Street
255. Nickson Street from Cleveland Street to Devonshire Street
256. Oxford Street from Greens Road to Whitlam Square
257. Pelican Street from Oxford Street to Goulburn Street
258. Poplar Street from Brisbane Street to Pelican Street
259. Providence Place
260. Taylor Street from Flinders Street to South Dowling Street
261. Waine Street from Pelican Street to Riley Street

- (B) approve the following alcohol prohibited areas for establishment 24 hours a day, seven days per week until 22 March 2020:

Sydney City Police Local Area Command

1. St James Tunnel
2. Clyne Reserve
3. Regimental Square

Kings Cross Police Local Area Command

4. Albert Sloss Reserve
5. Barcom Avenue Park
6. Beare Park Playground
7. Rosebank Park
8. Rushcutters Bay Park
9. Tom Uren Square
10. Waratah Street Reserve
11. Woolloomooloo Playground (Sydney Place)

Newtown Police Local Area Command

12. Goddard Playground, 39-43 O'Connell Street, Camperdown
13. Pinkstone Playground, 26 Septimus Street, Erskineville
14. Rochford Street Playground, Rochford Street, Erskineville
15. Victoria Park Playground, City Road, Sydney

Redfern Police Local Area Command

16. Bakery Reserve
17. Chippendale Green
18. Crete Reserve
19. McKell Playground
20. (NSW Land and Housing Corporation) in the publicly accessible areas bound by the following alcohol free zones:
 - Walker Street
 - Cooper Street
 - Young Street
 - Phillip Street, Redfern
21. (NSW Land and Housing Corporation) in the publicly accessible areas bound by the following alcohol free zones:
 - Wellington Street
 - George Street
 - McEvoy Street
 - Elizabeth Street, Waterloo
22. (NSW Land and Housing Corporation) Waterloo Green defined as the publicly accessible areas bound by the following alcohol free zones:
 - Phillip Street
 - Cope Street
 - Wellington Street
 - Pitt Street, Waterloo
23. Redfern Park

Leichhardt Police Local Area Command

24. Federal Park Playground, Chapman Road, Annandale
25. Jubilee Park, Eglinton Road, Glebe
26. Wentworth Park, Wattle Street & Wentworth Park Road, Ultimo
27. Wood Street Playground, Wood Street, Forest Lodge
28. Blackwattle Bay Playground, Wood Street, Forest Lodge

Surry Hills Police Local Area Command

29. Eddie Ward Park
30. Edgely Reserve, Nickson Street, Surry Hills
31. Harmony Park
32. Prince Alfred Park, corner Cleveland and Chalmers Street
33. Reservoir Street Reserve, 108 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills

(C) approve the following temporary alcohol free zones for establishment the day of and the morning after the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras from 2017 to 2020:

1. Flinders Street between Albion Street and Moore Park Road
2. South Dowling Street between Fitzroy Street and Oxford Street
3. Sturt Street including adjacent unnamed lane.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Submissions Summary

Attachment B: Public Notice

Attachment C: Map of all Alcohol Free Zones and Prohibited Areas

Attachment D: List of Alcohol Free Zones and Prohibited Areas recommended for removal

Attachment E: List of existing Alcohol Free Zones amended and consolidated

BACKGROUND

1. Alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas are established in public places across New South Wales in order to restrict the consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related antisocial behaviour and crime including damage to property, littering and noise impacts. Alcohol restrictions provide NSW Police with an early intervention measure to confiscate alcohol within designated public areas.
2. Under the Local Government Act 1993, Council can resolve to establish an alcohol free zone or an alcohol prohibited area for a four year period. The Ministerial Guidelines provide the process that Council's must undertake to do this.
3. There are currently 48 alcohol prohibited areas and 351 alcohol free zones established in the City of Sydney local government area. Alcohol prohibited areas apply to public spaces and parks whereas alcohol free zones apply to streets, footpaths and public roads.
4. Alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas are public places where alcohol cannot be consumed. Police have the power to confiscate alcohol in an alcohol free zone or alcohol prohibited area if they reasonably suspect that a person is, has or is about to consume the alcohol. Any alcohol taken by police can be tipped out or otherwise disposed of in accordance with directions from the NSW Police Commissioner.
5. Historically, alcohol free zones have been established to manage the impacts around late night trading precincts, such as Darlinghurst Road in Kings Cross, Oxford Street in Darlinghurst, George Street in the city centre and King Street in Newtown. Alcohol free zones have also been established on a temporary basis to manage alcohol impacts at large events such as New Year's Eve and Mardi Gras.
6. The effectiveness of alcohol free zones can be difficult to assess as police employ different enforcement and reporting mechanisms. It is noted that police view alcohol free zones as an early intervention tool to assist in managing alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.
7. In 2015, the City conducted an audit of alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in the local government area. The data gathered was entered into the City's asset management system (CAMS) and included the location and condition of all signs audited. In total, 754 signs were identified.
8. In January 2016, the City initiated a public consultation program to review and renew (or remove) all alcohol free zones and areas in our local government area and align their expiry to a common date. The 30 day notification period began on 12 January and concluded at 5pm on 11 February 2016.
9. During the consultation process, the City received 117 submissions objecting to alcohol restrictions and 29 submissions in support. 340 submissions were also received that referred to the current lockout laws in place across the CBD Entertainment Precinct and were therefore not relevant to this consultation.
10. An additional 10 submissions were received requesting the establishment of a new alcohol free zone and prohibited area. This will be considered in the future as this consultation focused on the renewal (or removal) of existing zones and areas only.

11. In summary, the majority of concerns regarding alcohol restrictions were that drinking itself does not necessarily lead to anti-social behaviour and that the creation of zones in residential streets and parks is infringing on the ability of citizens to responsibly drink an alcoholic beverage with their friends and family in public. There were also concerns regarding how restrictions may be disproportionately impacting on vulnerable groups in low socio-economic areas without putting in place additional measures to assist the complex mental health issues of these individuals.
12. This concern was reiterated by the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, however it was acknowledged that alcohol free zones provide police with an early intervention measure in order to prevent incidents from escalating into more serious alcohol-related crime including assault. Police pro-actively enforce alcohol free zones in high risk areas.
13. In summary, the submissions in support of alcohol free zones and areas noted a reduction in anti-social behaviour in their suburbs or identified alcohol restrictions as an important tool for police to be able to use in order to enhance the amenity of an area. The NSW Police Force was also supportive of the restrictions as they believed it helped mitigate other crimes such as malicious damage, stealing, offensive behaviour and acts of violence.
14. Comment was sought from all six Police Local Area Commands in our local government area. Responses were received from Sydney City, Newtown, Kings Cross, Leichhardt, and Redfern, all supportive of alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas. No response was received from Surry Hills Police Local Area Command.
15. 340 submissions were received during the consultation period that only referred to the current lockout laws in place across the Kings Cross and CBD Entertainment Precinct. Whilst noted in the summary of submissions (refer Attachment A), these submissions are not relevant to this consultation.
16. Nine submissions were received after the consultation closing date. Six were regarding the NSW Government's lockout laws. One submission was in support of the restrictions and additionally requested an audit be conducted on current signage (completed), and for an examination of the links between outdoor dining spaces and alcohol free zones. This feedback will be considered by the relevant City Business Units. Two submissions did not support the zones and areas.
17. In line with the Ministerial Guidelines, individual zones and areas are considered according to their particular circumstances. To assess this, a set of criteria was developed by staff in order to guide the recommendation for the removal or renewal of the existing alcohol free zones and prohibited areas.
18. In addition to the generic submissions, the recommendations included in this report take into account the following criteria:
 - (a) Crime data provided by the Bureau of Crime Statistics that analyses the areas where a high level of alcohol-related assaults occur;
 - (b) the Kings Cross and CBD Entertainment Precinct boundaries;

- (c) specific submissions from the NSW Police Force, community organisations, businesses, residents and relevant units within the City; and
 - (d) zones and areas that do not currently have signage and therefore where NSW Police have not been enforcing restrictions.
19. Based on the submissions and additional analysis, this report recommends the four year renewal of 261 alcohol free zones, 33 alcohol prohibited areas and three temporary alcohol free zones.
20. After consultation, 48 alcohol free zones and 14 alcohol prohibited areas are recommended for removal. A further 76 alcohol free zones were consolidated and reduced to 34 alcohol free zones. This process applied to streets where more than one alcohol free zone was established. All alcohol free zones on the same street were consolidated in to one alcohol free zone. Additionally, one alcohol prohibited area was consolidated in to an alcohol free zone, due to Forbes Street Woolloomooloo still being zoned as a street. One temporary alcohol free area that was part of this consultation (Beare Park, Kings Cross) is not recommended for renewal.

Beare Park, New Year's Eve

21. The temporary, 'event only' alcohol prohibited area for Beare Park New Year's Eve was requested by the Kings Cross Police Command due to alcohol being the dominate factor behind anti-social activity experienced in previous years on New Year's Eve. A plan of management and temporary alcohol prohibited area was established in 2015 as a one off, to reduce future anti-social behaviour. NSW Police acknowledge the importance of an alcohol prohibited area being in place at this time.
22. It is also acknowledged that a number of residents provided feedback that the alcohol restrictions be removed from the site and, in 2015, no incidents were reported on the site for New Year's Eve.
23. Taking all factors into consideration, this report recommends that there be no temporary alcohol prohibited area in Beare Park for New Year's Eve. This will allow the City to monitor the effectiveness of current measures initiated by the City's New Year's Eve team including security personnel, additional toilets and the removal of Beare Park as an official vantage point on the City's website.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

24. *Sustainable Sydney 2030* is a vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. The establishment of alcohol restrictions is aligned with the Strategic Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies. The establishment of alcohol restrictions enhances the safety and accessibility of civic spaces for a diverse population of residents, workers and visitors to enjoy.

Social / Cultural / Community

25. The intention of establishing alcohol restrictions is to assist in preventing alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime. This can lead to an enhancement of amenity for community and visitors to an area.

Economic

26. Areas covered by footway approvals issued by the City of Sydney to licensed premises are exempt from alcohol free zone restrictions. Footway approved areas are covered by responsible service of alcohol provisions and, therefore, any alcohol-related anti-social behaviour is the responsibility of premises operators. For this reason, footway occupations require clear physical delineation to show where the licensed area ends and the alcohol free zone begins.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

27. Public exhibition to notify the community of the new alcohol restrictions will require notices to be placed in local media for which funding is available in the existing Safe City operating budget 2015/16.
28. Funding for updates, installation or removal of signage is included in the 2015/16 Parks signage capital works budget.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

29. Local Government Act 1993.
30. Liquor Act 2007.
31. Roads Act 1993.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

32. Under the Local Government Act, a public notice to notify the community of established alcohol restrictions is required in the week commencing Monday 28 March 2016, ahead of the renewal of Alcohol Free Zone signs.
33. Signage will be installed and enforceable seven days after public notification. For temporary alcohol restrictions, signage will be installed at least one week prior to the activation of restrictions, clearly indicating the dates the relevant alcohol prohibited areas apply.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

34. The notification for alcohol restrictions in the City of Sydney local government area consisted of a notice placed in The Sydney Morning Herald, relevant local press and on the Sydney Your Say website. The 30 day notification periods began on 12 January and concluded at 5pm on 11 February 2016. Correspondence inviting comments supporting or objecting to the proposed alcohol restrictions were sent to all Police Local Area Commands, the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Medical Service, Aboriginal Legal Service, Aboriginal Housing Company, National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, First People's Disability Network, Tranby Aboriginal College, Tribal Warrior and Babana Men's Group.

35. A briefing was also conducted with the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.

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